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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

The remarks below are submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated June 17, 2004, in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on February 28, 2002 with claims 1-18. Claims 4, 10 and 15 were canceled by Applicants in their response filed April 16, 2003. Claims 2, 9, 13 and 18 were canceled by Applicants in their response filed September 29, 2003. Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 11, 12, 14, 16 and 17 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 12 being the independent claims.

Claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 12, 14, 16 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,434,302 (hereinafter "Fidric").

Claims 5, 6 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fidric in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,363,088 (hereinafter "Alphonse").



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Submitted herewith is the following document relating to the above-identified patent application:

(1) Response to Office Action.

There is no additional fee due in conjunction with the response. In the event of any non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or to credit **Ryan, Mason & Lewis, LLP Account No. 50-0762** as required to correct the error.

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